REMARKS

Claims 1-45 are pending in this application. Claims 2-4, 14, and 29-39 have been canceled. Claims 40-45 have been added.

Conclusion

By the above amendments, the pending claims have been revised to place them in better form for examination. The entry of these amendments is respectfully requested, and an early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Scott Wakeman (Reg. No. 37,750) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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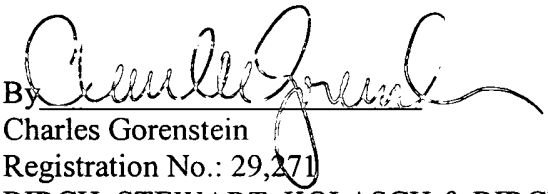
Respectfully submitted,

By 

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